

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. William Esser on 5/24/10. It was agreed to modify the claims as follow:

1. (Presently Amended) A method for processing a print job, comprising modifying a raster operation function to have fewer variables than originally specified by said print job, wherein said function includes at least two of a destination variable, an object variable and an ink variable, said modifying further including reducing said function to a single variable and further including determining whether said object variable is black or white and whether said object variable is one of a character, a stencil and an image.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said modifying further includes determining whether said function has a ink variable with a black or white identity.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further including determining whether said ink variable is black or white.
4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said modifying further includes determining whether said function has said destination variable unaltered in a to-be-painted area.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including executing said modified function.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. Claims 1-3, 6, 9 are allowed.

The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art of record specifically Miller et al (U.S. patent 6,257,693) fails to suggest or disclose the collective features of the invention such as: " said modifying further including reducing said function to a single variable and further including determining whether said object variable is black or white and whether said object variable is one of a character, a stencil and an image" These features along with the rest of the claim's invention would render the claim allowable.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Saeid Ebrahimi-dehKordy whose telephone number is 571-272-7462. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 8:00am-6:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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